

# THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STATE OF THE UNION ESSAY CONTEST

Write a 250 to 500 word essay on your view of the state of the union ahead of the president's annual address to Congress.

Essays are due by noon on Friday, January 9, 2015.

Finalists will have their essays published in the congressional record and will participate in the a roundtable discussion with the senator.

The winner of the essay contest will be able to have Sen. Sanders visit his or her school to conduct a meeting on issues of concern to high school students.

The background of the lower half of the poster features a stylized illustration of the Vermont State Capitol dome on the left. On the right, there is a portrait of Senator Bernie Sanders, an older man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling. The text 'Vermont high school students: Sen. Bernie Sanders wants to hear from you!' is overlaid in white on a dark green horizontal band at the bottom of the image.

**Vermont high school students:  
Sen. Bernie Sanders wants to hear from you!**

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